

City of Gulfport News Release

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Chief Alan Weatherford today announced that:

Case #: 11-001072

On January 11, 2011, at approximately 8:33 a.m., officers from the Gulfport Police Department responded to a motor vehicle accident in the area of Highway 605 and O'Neal Road.

As a result of the investigation, it was determined that a 2008 Mitsubishi Gallant, driven by 45 year old Melissa Woodring of Saucier, was south bound on Highway 605. When a 2007 Ford E350 truck, driven by 25 year old Walter T. Smith of Thomaston, Georgia turned west onto O'Neal Road from the northbound lane of Highway 605 in front of the Mitsubishi, which resulted in the Ford turning onto its right side.

Woodring had to be extricated by rescue personnel; after which she was transported to a local area hospital. Smith and two other passengers were also transported to local area hospitals.

The incident is still under investigation by the Gulfport Police Department.